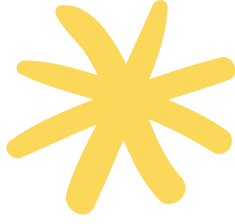




welcome to first grade!



DEAR FAMILIES,

We are excited to welcome your child to First Grade!

First grade will be busy and exciting! In reading we will continue to work on phonics and becoming more fluent readers. We will be working simultaneously to build students' knowledge and decoding skills. In writing, we will write across genres with a focus on establishing strong foundational skills in grammar, conventions, and handwriting. In math, we will build our knowledge of addition and subtraction within 100, geometry, measurement, and many more math skills! We will also have lots of time to play, work together, explore, investigate, and create!

The first day of school is Thursday, September 10th, 2026. Please reach out with any questions or comments.

We're looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Tessa, Ms. Eileen,
and Ms. Bernadette*

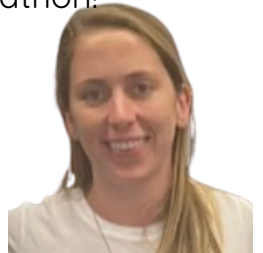
mstessa@rivereastelementary.org
mseileen@rivereastelementary.org
msbernadette@rivereastelementary.org

MEET THE TEACHERS



Ms. Tessa

This will be my 12th year teaching at River East! I have taught PreK, Kindergarten, and 1st grade and am excited to continue our work together in 1st grade this year! I grew up in Michigan and currently live in Queens. This fall, I am looking forward to running my third NYC Marathon!



Ms. Eileen

This is my 14th year teaching at River East in K, 1st, and 2nd grades! When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my husband, 3-year-old son, and my 2 cats. I enjoy reading, watching TV, and being outdoors (especially at the beach!).



Ms. Bernadette

I am so excited to be back in first grade this year! This is my 18th year of teaching and my eighth year at River East. Over the past seventeen years I have taught 3K through first grade in both charter and public school. In my free time, I love spending time outdoors with my family and showing my kids all the city has to offer!





first grade supply list



Below is a list of supplies we are requesting
to share with our class community:

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 packages of Clorox wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer

These are items each child should **bring to school**,
labeled with their name:

- 1 change of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, underwear)
- 1 family photo
- 1 reusable water bottle

These are items that each child should **keep at home**, for completing homework and projects:

- pencils
- crayons
- glue sticks
- child scissors